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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$450** for a Small Entity

- \$385 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on June 23, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed, we enclose herewith the Declaration and Power of Attorney and an Abstract in regards to the subject invention. Enclosed is a check for \$450.00 to cover the surcharge.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Order Account No. 19-0079 for any further extension and/or fee that is required.

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